

Dear Fellow AWA Members:

I have had several people ask me what kinds of things to donate to our National Fundraising event. I always say anything to do with arts/crafts. Now, however, I decided to be more specific to help fuel your studio cleanouts!

What I have received thus far is lots of oil paints, brushes, drawing paper, color wheels, art books, a projector, a French easel, Also, in my past I was a decorative painter, so I have magazines and plenty of wood items that I am including in my donations.

Here are some ideas. Stamping supplies, any art supplies you may have tried, but do not use anymore. Beading supplies, jewelry supplies, books on decorating, decorative arts, bookmaking, any papers you do not want anymore, and this can be drawing, painting, or collage papers. Also crafts paints, and any other paints you do not want.

How about card making supplies. I have an old laminator I am donating. I just don't use it any more. Any art books you no longer use or want would be greatly appreciated. I have one person that is donating stretcher bars! I think this will help you to look around. My motto is "If I haven't used it once in the past year, out it goes"!!!!!!

Try if you can to bring things to February as well as March meetings. If it all comes in March I may not have room in my van!!! Also you can deliver donations to the Church of the Beatitudes on Saturday, March 19 from 9am to 12 noon. We will be setting up the room for the sale on Saturday.

SURPRISE! For each month from January through May, 2010 I have a lineup of well known AWA artists that are donating a painting to be raffeled off during our monthly meeting. Raffle tickets will sell at 1 for \$10, or 3 for \$20. Now is your chance to own a painting from one of your most favorite artists. These wonderful artists are: (not listed in order), Grace Haverty, Kim Johnson, Alex Pekala, Tom Herbert and Carole Hillsbery. Please come a support your AWA 2010 National Exhibition. The paintings will be matted, and I am so excited!!!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting. Sherry Kimmel, President Emeritus